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POLAND: Unrest Continues

Tensions seem to have increased following the Gdansk demonstrations. More underground Solidarity publications are appearing in Warsaw, and the editor of a major paper apparently has been able to prevent the dismissal of staff journalists. The French and Polish Foreign Ministers probably will meet today in Paris.

Solidarity Underground Press

[REDACTED] seen copies of several new Solidarity publications, including a "magazine" that claims to be a weekly publication. The magazine--more professionally done than earlier publications--appears to have been produced by an underground press organization that never went public during Solidarity's heyday. [REDACTED]

Comment: The appearance of a more polished publication seems an important moral victory for Solidarity organizers and is intended to signal the union's determination to engage in a lengthy contest with authorities. The expanding underground press is a major part of Solidarity's campaign to encourage passive resistance and to raise the morale of the populace by demonstrating that the union is active. [REDACTED]

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Purge Resisted

The deputy editor of a national daily newspaper [redacted] that he successfully appealed the dismissals of journalists ordered by the "verification" committee, saving about half those slated to be purged. He also claimed that Premier Jaruzelski supported a greater degree of editorial independence for the paper, which had been known for espousing liberal views prior to the imposition of martial law. The editor, nonetheless, was pessimistic about holding off the hardliners indefinitely. [redacted]

Comment: This incident demonstrates that moderates in the regime can at least temporarily check excesses committed by hardliners. Such reprieves do not necessarily open the door to liberalization, however, because those whose jobs have been saved will probably exercise considerable self-restraint. [redacted]

French and Polish Officials To Meet

Foreign Minister Czyrek is in France to attend the national congress of the French Communist Party and will probably meet French Foreign Minister Cheysson today. This is the first high-level French contact with Warsaw since the imposition of martial law. [redacted]

Comment: Czyrek was anxious for the meeting in order to demonstrate that high-level diplomatic contacts are continuing despite Western criticism of the regime.

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